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A Few Reasons

WHY

YOU SHOULD PLANT



Actual Size

Budded and Grafted

**Brixnut
Filberts**

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Grow Grain and Grow Old---

THE culture of Filberts today promises greater returns with less input of energy and expense than any other branch of horticulture in the Northwest. Filberts can be profitably grown on more different kinds of soil than any other orchard tree west of the Cascades. They have successfully withstood all of the heavy freezes in the past and it is safe to assume that the future will not bring any cold weather more injurious than previous years. The Filbert grower is not concerned about late spring frosts, since the trees bloom and pollenate during the winter months. The crop is non-perishable. Picking can be postponed two days or two weeks without damaging the nuts. Filberts deteriorate slowly in storage and can be safely held for higher prices. Filberts do not require a large investment in drying equipment. Spread them out in a room where there is good air circulation and they cure perfectly.

Filberts commence bearing in commercial quantities as soon as any other fruit produced and in half the time of a walnut orchard.

With so many natural advantages a planter is almost certain of success, providing due care is exercised in selecting the nursery stock, and also providing the trees are properly cultivated in the orchard.

We believe the BRIXNUT has more desirable qualities than any other known variety of Filbert. Make a list of the fine qualities you would like to have in a Filbert and your list will be a description of the BRIXNUT. The nut averages larger than the Barcelona (see cut on cover) and is a very heavy annual cropper. The trees commence bearing much earlier in life than they should be allowed to bear. The original tree bore nuts during its second year. The nuts are well filled and a very noticeable feature is the absence of the brown pellicle, which adheres to the kernel in so many other varieties of Filberts. The kernels are exceptionally rich in flavor. Dr. Robert T. Morris, the well-known nut expert and author of New York, says of the BRIXNUT:

“The food value and general excellence of a hazel like the Brixnut should make it notable in every market in the world.”

Grow Filberts and Grow Gold

Its shell is slightly thinner than the Barcelona shell and is also softer and easier to crack. The weight ratio of meat to shell is greater for the Brixnut than it is for the Barcelona.

It is self-husking. This is a very important item, since no machinery has been perfected which will take off the husks of Filberts without breaking the shells.

During the twelve years that this nut has been under observation it has never missed a crop of nuts and no crop has ever contained more than 1% of blanks. These results have been obtained with its own and many other kinds of pollen. The BRIXNUT is more nearly self-fertile than any other desirable Filbert. But as no Filbert spreads pollen over its entire blooming period, we recommend the planting of a pollenizer in the ratio of about one to eight. Our experiments have proven the Halls Giant (Geantes des Halles, also known as Bollwyller) to be the best pollenizer for the BRIXNUT, and it has the additional advantage of being similar to the BRIXNUT in type and size. This feature is worthy of consideration, as it eliminates the expense of sorting the crop.

Do not classify Filberts as "hazel brush." A filbert tree, if it is budded on a good, healthy seedling whole root and trained up in tree form, will live to be more than a century old and attain enormous size. The older a seedling tree becomes the fewer the suckers that come up from the roots. Ask a man who has tried both kinds.

We propagate all our trees by budding and grafting on to healthy seedling roots, the advantage of which is evident in the illustration on the last page. This deeper root system is the natural Filbert root system and insures a supply of moisture sufficient for healthy growth of tree and crop, even through the dry summer months of the Pacific Northwest, where irrigation is not practiced.

Interested parties will be furnished, upon request, the names of orchardists having Brixnut trees so that first hand information can be obtained regarding crop, tree growth, etc. Prices of Nursery Stock sent upon request.



A

B

C

Trees A and B are grafts on seedling roots.

Tree C is an average layer.

Compare the root system of the grafted trees with the layered tree. Note the tap root formation on the grafted trees which is the NATURAL Filbert Root. Let a Filbert tree take care of itself for 100 years and at the end of that time you'll not find a single layered tree thereabouts, but you will find plenty of seedlings.